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Dear Mr Woodward and Ms Dollisson

**Authorisation applications A91362 & A91363 submitted by
Virgin Australia and Air New Zealand Limited–
Interested party consultation**

I refer to the above applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 8 March 2013.

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at <www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister>. Alternatively, at the end of the consultation period the ACCC can arrange for you to receive a copy of all publicly available submissions received in relation to the application.

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
8 March 2013	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
18 March 2013	Public consultation process begins.
12 April 2013	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
26 April 2013	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
June/July 2013	Draft determination.
June/July 2013	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 2013	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Darrell Channing on (02) 6243 4925 or Mark Basile on (03) 9290 1855 or mark.basile@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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